

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

The Examiner has rejected claims 2 – 5, 7 – 9, 17 and 18. Various claims are amended herein. In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted, claims 2 – 5, 7 – 9, 17 and 18 remain pending for consideration.

No new matter has been added. Approval and entry of the claims is respectfully requested.

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II. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Examiner states the information disclosure statement (IDS) filed on June 30, 2006 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) and (3). The Examiner states that the IDS is missing a copy of the Japanese Patent 8-13916 as well as the Japanese Office Action No. 2000-272587 dated April 7, 2006. The Examiner states further that an English language translation or statement of relevance in English is required for the Japanese references listed in the Japanese search report.

The Applicant respectfully submits that a copy of Japanese Patent 8-13916 was submitted with the IDS filed February 8, 2001 together with an English language Abstract and was considered by the Examiner on April 13, 2004. A copy of the Japanese Office Action dated April 7, 2006 for Japanese Application No. 200-272587 is enclosed. Please place it in the file.

III. CLAIMS 2 – 9 AND 18 ARE REJECTED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER TSUKUDA (U.S. 6,085,170) IN VIEW OF HANDEL ET AL. (U.S. 6,195,651) and JONES ET AL. (7,082,400)

The Examiner asserts that Tsukuda discloses the present invention as recited in claims 2 – 9 and 18, but fails to disclose the user entering a home address and a work address, where the user can select either address and the system transmits information with regard to the vicinity of the home address or the work address. (citing figures 1, 5, and 12; column 2, lines 42-47, column 6, lines 37-39, 65-67, and column 8, lines 1-4 of Tsukuda). Therefore, the Examiner relies upon Handel to disclose a customized web page, where a user can log on and have

multiple profiles geared towards localized content based on the selected profile. (citing column 29 of Handel). The Examiner further concedes that Tsukuda and Handel fail to disclose a map including a group of stores in an area selected by the receiver for the receiver to select a designated store. (see page 5, item 11 of the Office Action). Therefore, the Examiner relies upon Jones to disclose the use of a planning system where a map is displayed to a user. (citing figure 6B of Jones.)

The independent claims are amended herein to further clarify the invention. Support for the amended claims may be found for example, on page 4, line 25 to page 5, line 3, of the specification. For example, amended claim 5 recites *receiving information about the day, time, and the convenience store that the receiver designates for receiving the parcel and displaying an advertisement about the convenience store.* For example, amended claim 5 further recites, *providing a privilege to the receiver when the receiver receives the parcel.* Tsukuda in view of Handel and Jones fail to teach these features.

In contrast, Tuskuda teaches a delivery-scheduling program. (see column 12, lines 15-26 of Tuskuda). Similarly, Handel discloses a web-based program for entering a user profile that can be used to performing tasks at the request of the user. (see column 1, lines 30 – 61 of Handel). Jones discloses a system for processing travel requests. (see paragraph 0008 – 0009 of Jones). However, neither of these references teach *displaying an advertisement and providing a privilege to the receiver when the receiver receives the parcel*, as recited in, for example, amended claim 5.

Although the above comments are specifically directed to claim 5, for example, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding various differences of various other claims (i.e. claims 2-4, 7-9, 17 and 18) over the cited reference.

IV. CONCLUSION

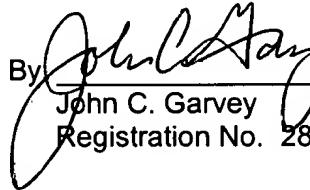
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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記 (引用文献等については引用文献等一覧参照)

請求項 1, 2, 5

引用文献 1, 2

引用文献1及び2には、請求項1, 2, 5に係る発明と同様の宅配方法等が記載されている。

請求項 3

引用文献 1 - 3

引用文献3には、画面上に地図を表示する構成が記載されており、これを宅配システムに採用することは、この発明の属する分野において通常の知識を有する者が適宜なし得た程度のことである。

請求項 4

引用文献 1 - 3

引用文献2には、上記指摘事項に加え、配達予定を通知し、受取人を促す構成が記載されている(段落【0035】参照。)。

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引 用 文 献 等 一 覧

1. 特開2000-137753号公報
2. 特開平10-162065号公報
3. 特開2000-67121号公報

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